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1. Cercle de recherche sur les droits et les devoirs de la personne humaine

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Cercle de recherche sur les droits et les devoirs de la personne humaine specializes in complementary international standards. It was created in Cameroon in 2000 and is established in Togo and Switzerland since 2009 in accordance with the law governing associations in those countries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Within the framework of its strategic plan for 2008-2011, the organization focused its activity on the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards, established pursuant to Council resolution 6/16 of 28 September 2007 and Council decision 3/103 of 8 December 2006. In that specific framework, the organization organized at the Palais des Nations in Geneva during the fifteenth session of the Human Rights Council a side event which concluded with the presentation of a printed document advocating the adoption of the draft universal declaration of the fundamental duties of the person to the representatives and the distribution of the document free of charge to the permanent missions of Member States of the United Nations, to international organizations and to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) based in Geneva.

In October and November 2010, the organization held at the Palais des Nations a consultation workshop comprising three sessions on a draft code of conduct relating respectively to the exercise of all forms of freedom of expression, assembly and association. These consultations led to the production of 200 copies of the Review of the state of all forms of freedom of expression, assembly and association in 144 Member States of the United Nations; and a proposed draft code of conduct relating to the exercise of all forms of freedom of expression, meeting and association. The Review was distributed free of charge to the permanent missions of Member States of the United Nations, to international organizations and to NGOs based in Geneva.

The organization contributed to seven studies or consultations organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, including the following:

(a) On 8 July 2009, consultations seeking to identify potential focal points for the second phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education;

(b) In December 2011, participation in an online anonymous survey of the NGO liaison office of the United Nations at Geneva. Noting the percentage of its members who had been denied visas to enter Switzerland, the organization expressed concern at the financial implications and the impact on its consultative relationship with the Council;

(c) Support for the organization from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the form of a considerable number of

publications provided to six representatives of the organization, and publications of the World Health Organization headquarters provided to the Togo delegation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in 32 meetings of the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary bodies, including the following:

(a) Third session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards, November 2010. On that occasion, two documents drawn up by the organization, namely a draft universal declaration of the fundamental duties of the person and a draft code of conduct relating to the exercise of all forms of freedom of expression, assembly and association were deposited with the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee;

(b) High-level segment of the Council's substantive session, 2009 and 2011; Durban Review Conference, 2009; and World Summit on the Information Society, Geneva, May 2010.

Additional information

The possibility to participate in United Nations activities was limited at the human, intellectual and financial levels as a result of difficulties encountered by the organization's members in obtaining visas to enter and stay in Switzerland. The organization encourages States Members to consider the draft resolution, proposed at the fifteenth session of the Human Rights Council, regarding the equitable participation of all representatives in the work of the Human Rights Council.

2. Réseau malien des journalistes pour la lutte contre la corruption et la pauvreté

Special, 2004

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

(a) Annual organization of an information and awareness-raising campaign on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (conferences, debates, training of journalists in ownership of the Convention, preparation and dissemination of sketches on corruption, and production of posters);

(b) Participation in regular activities of the Public Procurement Regulation Agency and public service organizations with a view to preventing fraud in public procurement and protecting State resources;

(c) Regular participation in the work of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of Mali on all matters related to socio-political, economic and cultural activities in the country;

(d) Partnership relations with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in Mali, especially on training aimed at building the capacities of

journalists and the creation of national and international alliances to combat corruption and poverty.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in various conferences on eradicating corruption and poverty, held by United Nations delegations in Bamako, Mali; Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire; and Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

3. International Union of Judicial Officers

Special, 1996

Introduction

The International Union of Judicial Officers (UIHJ), created in 1952, encompassed in 2011 the members of organizations representing the profession in 69 countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.

Goals

The mission of the International Union of Judicial Officers consists in representing its members in international organizations, ensuring cooperation with national professional organizations and helping to implement international treaties. The organization promotes ideas, projects and initiatives conducive to promoting and upgrading the independent status of judicial officers. Moreover, the organization participates in efforts to structure the profession, particularly through the creation and development of national professional organizations in view of their eventual membership in the Union. Furthermore, the organization participates in expert missions at the service of Governments and international agencies. Lastly, it supports, where possible, the creation of a body of judicial officers consisting of professionals and qualified legal experts acting as officers entrusted with the twofold task of serving judicial and extrajudicial documents and enforcing court decisions.

Having created the World Day of the Judicial Officer in 2008, the organization hopes to also institute, together with the other legal professions, the World Day of Legal Professions, as part of the series of world days of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly;
- Sixty-first Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, Paris, September 2008.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- In May 2008, participation of experts of the organization in a Council of Europe and European Commission mission in the framework of a support programme for the court management system in Turkey;
- In 2008, organization of the twenty-sixth session of the Training Unit of African Judicial Officers (UFOHJA), Lomé, Togo;
- Participation in the international conference held at Algiers on "Promoting efficiency in the enforcement of court decisions to guarantee investment and trade";
- In June 2008, organization of the First World Day of the Judicial Officer on the topic of "Justice in everyday life";
- In June 2009, organization of the twenty-eighth session of the Training Unit of African Judicial Officers (UFOHJA), Niamey, Niger;
- In June 2009, organization of the Second World Day of the Judicial Officer on the topic of "Justice and social stakes";
- In June 2010, organization of the Third World Day of the Judicial Officer on the topic of "The judicial officer and alternative forms of legal fee payment";
- In September 2010, organization of the twenty-ninth session of the Training Unit of African Judicial Officers (UFOHJA), Pointe-Noire, Republic of the Congo;
- In 2011, provision of financial assistance to the judicial officers of Haiti to help in reconstruction after the earthquake of January 2010;
- In June 2011, organization of the Fourth World Day of the Judicial Officer on the topic of "The judicial officer and the recovery of maintenance".